SHINING THE LIGHT OF HOPE
Ministry through Christian Counseling

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As a pastor and former member of the American Association of Christian Counselors, Christian counseling has played a vital role in my ministry across the years. From my time serving in chaplaincy and in the pastorate, two stories stand out to me that highlight the impact and importance of Christian counseling. While serving as director of chaplaincy at a local hospital, I saw a woman come into our psych unit and be placed under suicide watch. She had a long rap sheet of convictions and was a repeat customer with the local police department. She was the most desolate soul I had dealt with in my ministry.

This woman was released from the hospital and transferred to the county jail. Since I was also the county jail chaplain, I had the opportunity to visit her there as well. I will never forget repeatedly finding her unresponsive, lying in a fetal position in her cell. She was ultimately transferred to another facility, and I lost track of her. Months past and I was visiting a different inmate in another county jail. After I got through the levels of security, I found myself in a group of inmates gathered for Bible study. In that group was a young woman who I faintly recognized. To my utter amazement, it was the despondent woman I had tried to work with in the hospital and in our county jail! She radiated with joy as she shared her story of reaching out in faith and trusting Christ as her personal Savior. What a marvelous transformation.

He sat across my desk on a number of occasions because of his struggle with pornography, but that was just a surface problem and not the main issue. He had been raised in the church but was damaged goods. How could I help him to simply trust Christ to accept him, to love him and forgive him? Counseling: stepping into the troubled world of those who are in the darkness of abuse, addictions and emotional brokenness to empathize, listen and share the message of Christ’s hope.

In this issue of ‘The Torch’, we introduce HSBC/HSCA grads who are “Shining the Light of Hope” through Christian counseling with those in pastoral ministry, the military, a police department, hospitals and treatment facilities. We also feature the Counseling Department at Hobe Sound Bible College and highlight the path that leads to unlimited ministry opportunities available to those who pursue a career in counseling.

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The lighthouse is located 15 minutes south of the HSBC campus.
In a sense the story I am about to share with you was like a mini version of the life of Job! Life had been sweet for a young couple I knew when I pastored! They both loved the Lord. Their home was blessed with beautiful children. They had committed their lives to God, and they were living out that commitment every day. But then a series of crisis events ripped through their lives, and life began to unravel!

Those vicious events claimed the life of an unborn baby, tore away their security, threatened the health of loved ones, caused significant financial pressure, and clouded all their future hopes and dreams. There were long, gloomy days of uncertainty when the smile of God’s approval was nowhere to be found. During those difficult days, Satan began to weave a web of gloom, despair, and depression.

That web of despair became so heavy for the wife that even when their circumstances began to improve, she could not rise above the trauma. She had become convinced that somehow she had displeased God and was responsible for all the problems that had overwhelmed them. God was very unhappy with her, and He was going to remove her. She was going to die!

As a concerned pastor, I tried to help. After all, God had called me to serve. If I could not be of help in that time in their lives, how could I in good conscience preach to them at other times? I tried my very best to help. But all the talking, encouraging, and counseling I could do were not sufficient to lift that awful cloud of depression. The darkness deepened, and she began making funeral plans.

As the crisis grew, she eventually ended up in the hospital where she was counseled by people who made no profession of faith. Some of them apparently believed the root cause of her problem was her belief system. They seemed to feel if she could get rid of all her “crazy religious ideas,” she would probably recover.

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Extending Christ’s Hope & Healing to a Broken World

HSBC/HSCA Grads Changing Lives as Christian Counselors

Sometimes it is just with a listening ear. Often it’s practical steps that point people out of the dark hole they find themselves in. And many other times it is weeping with those who weep as Christ would with those who are broken. God has called and equipped Hobe Sound Bible College and Hobe Sound Christian Academy alumni to passionately extend hope and healing through Christ as Christian counselors. Listen to their stories as they share glimpses from their world of opportunities to be the hand of Christ extended to the needy.
Dr. Bob Bolois—HSBC 1968

“As the director of a recovery facility, one of the biggest challenges I face is to get someone who is steeped in addiction or mental health issues to understand how important Christ is in their recovery and healing. Recovery hospitals with nice new beautiful facilities are simply a revolving door that just keeps swinging unless they have Christ as their focus. In our facility, we provide food, clothes and a safe environment for our residents, along with daily structure and the understanding that they have personal value because they are a human being made in the image of God. As I look back over fifty years of ministry, there was something instilled within my heart at Hobe Sound that has caused me to walk, live, and invest all that I have into the work of the Lord. A good education with a holy character is unstoppable! Thank you, Hobe Sound!”

BA in Pastoral Ministry, HSBC; MA in Human Growth & Development, Walsh University; PhD in Psychology, Cornerstone University; Currently enrolled in Doctor of Theology program, Maranatha Baptist University; Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor, Clinical Supervisor; Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor; Board Certified Clinical Psychologist; Retired professor of Communications & Psychology, University of Akron; Currently Executive Director of New Destiny Treatment Center.

Butch Heath—HSCA 1969, HSBC 1973

“I have served full-time as the founder and director of Crisis Family Care, Inc. since June 1, 2006. I have a passion to bring healing to broken marriages and families through Christian counseling. This ministry has given me the opportunity to provide marriage enrichment seminars and pastoral conferences in many states and other countries including Russia, Ukraine, Grand Cayman, Grand Bahamas, Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Haiti and Cuba.”

BA in Biblical Education, HSBC; MA in Pastoral Studies, Bob Jones University; worked toward a PhD, Trinity Theological Seminary; Served in ministry for over thirty-five years. Last pastoral role was as Minister of Family Life at Hobe Sound Bible Church in Hobe Sound, Florida, for nearly thirteen years.

Terry Livengood—HSBC 1986

“Meeting the needs of the patients in our hospitals has opened great opportunities for ministry. Treating the emotional and spiritual concerns—along with the physical challenges—ensures a balanced approach of journeying with those facing illness and end-of-life issues. With the rise of hospice services, palliative care, clinical chaplain training, and changes in our healthcare system, we are able to journey more effectively with the patient and their family. No longer is the cancer patient just another statistic only needing one more treatment of chemo. They are more than the dreaded disease they are fighting. Sometimes simply sitting next to them and holding their hand gives them the peace that comes from being heard. The psych patient isn’t necessarily “fixed” with another drug, but what they may really need is for me to hear their brokenness and not try to line them up. Perhaps it will take the chaplain meeting the hospice patient where they are by crawling down on their filthy living room floor next to them. The hard floor brings relief to the patient’s incredible pain, but it also is a place where they can pour out their agonizing grief of leaving their young children behind.”

BA in Pastoral Ministry, HSBC; MTh, Walsh University; Completed Clinical Pastoral Education at St. Vincent Charity Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio; Certified Thanatologist through the Association of Death Education and Dying; Certified Trauma Specialist through the International Association of Trauma Professionals; Formerly served as a chaplain at Mercy Medical Center, Canton, Ohio. Currently lead chaplain at Aultman Hospital, Canton, Ohio; Professor at Aultman’s College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Involved in pastoral ministry for seventeen years.

David Miller—HSCA 1982, HSBC 1986

“God has a great sense of humor! One week after moving into the men’s dorm in 1979 as a tenth grade high school student, Hurricane David swept over Hobe Sound. During the storm preparations, I was assigned to work with a group of guys who modeled humility, kindness, hard work and a Christ-like attitude. One month later I surrendered my life to Christ. During my years at Hobe Sound, God blessed me with many wonderful friends and professors who played an important role in developing a Christian worldview in me.

“Early in my career, I planned to work in a Christian counseling center, but God had bolder plans and placed me in secular settings where He has provided numerous opportunities to form relationships and discuss spiritual issues with unchurched people. Individuals struggling with mental illness are often marginalized in both secular and Christian circles. Professional care providers and lay people alike have an opportunity to provide support to these individuals with compassion, just as our heavenly Father cares for our needs. I am thankful for God’s never-failing love and mercy and the opportunity to share this good news with others, just as it was shared with me while a student at Hobe Sound.”

BA in Missions, HSBC; MS in Community Counseling, Georgia State University; Christian Counseling Diploma, Psychological Studies Institute; Employed as a Clinical Psychology Specialist, Geisinger Medical Center, Department of Pediatric Psychology, Danville, Pennsylvania.

Paul Gagnon—HSBC 1989

“I was converted to Christ at the Fort Myers Rescue Mission in 1979. I came to Hobe Sound to attend the Sea Breeze Camp Meeting in 1985 where I sensed the desire to enroll at Hobe Sound Bible College. The college did not have a Counseling Degree Program (continued on pg. 6)
at that time, but I took a few electives in that field as well as educational electives. After graduation I was hired as a chaplain at a correctional institution, and counseling became a huge issue for me. When dealing with inmate’s personal and family crises, I recognized my great need of better counseling skills and further education. So I enrolled in a Master of Counseling Psychology Program focused on mental health at Palm Beach Atlantic University in January 2000. During that same timeframe I was hired at the Mental Health Center in West Palm Beach. I am practicing as an individual therapist in their outpatient program. Hobe Sound Bible College was instrumental in paving the way for this successful process to occur.”

BA in Missions, HSBC; MS in Counseling Psychology, Palm Beach Atlantic University; Piloted a Chaplaincy Program and was employed at the Glades Correctional Institution, Chaplain, Avon Park Correctional Institution; Employed as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor at the West Palm Beach Mental Health Center since 2000

Cliff Churchill, Jr.—HSCA 1996, HSBC 1999

“One of the biggest challenges I faced during chaplaincy training was learning how to provide spiritual support to patients of other spiritual backgrounds and orientation. I had to learn how to be present and sometimes not even talk about God or prayer. I have learned that it’s not about me, but about the patient and where they are and just being with them. Hobe Sound provided the spiritual foundation that helped to ground me. Professors like Dr. Allan Brown, Dr. Mike Williams, and Rev. Edsel Trouten taught me the message of holiness and helped prepare me to interact with classmates and peers as I moved on in my education and career. I am still impacted today by the rich chapel services and the spiritual impact of Sea Breeze Camp.”

BA in Ministerial/Counseling, HSBC; MA in Professional Counseling, Liberty University; Board Certified Chaplain with the American Association of Professional Chaplains; Ordained Minister, Wesleyan Church; Formerly employed by the University of Miami in the field of HIV and trauma research; Completed a two-year residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital chaplaincy program, Miami; Worked as a chaplain at the Community Hospital East, Indianapolis. Currently working on a pilot study program at North Broward Medical Center with Vitas Health Care, a hospice organization, ministering to cancer patients to provide pain management and palliative care.

Bryan Hemrick—HSBC 2016

“There are a lot of reasons I am pursuing counseling, most of them life experiences and personal struggles. One of the defining moments in my calling happened my freshman year at Hobe Sound when I sat up all night with a friend who was planning to commit suicide. I remember not having the words to convince him otherwise. Ultimately it was just being there that gave him the strength to wait another day. I realized at that moment that having a sound Biblical education is not always enough and that heart knowledge and head knowledge must go hand in hand. I was challenged with the need of being a layperson who is called upon to assist a family in crisis, to assist those who are dealing with an addiction, wading through broken or failing relationships, and those with psychological and developmental disorders. Counseling is about connecting with the human condition and empathizing with the painful reality of existing in a fallen world. It’s about offering hope and resources to those who have none, either until they are better, or until they can find a place to get better…just like Jesus.”

BA in Counseling, first graduating class of the Counseling Department, HSBC; Graduate student at Asbury Theological Seminary pursuing an MA in Mental Health Counseling.

Steps to Becoming a Professional Counselor

1. Complete a BA in Counseling from Hobe Sound Bible College by completing 36 credit hours in counseling and a 6-credit hour internship as part of a four-year course of study.
2. Apply to one of the many seminaries or graduate programs that accepts degrees conferred by schools accredited by our national accreditor, the Association for Biblical Higher Education.
3. Complete a MA or MS in Counseling by completing 60 credit hours in counseling and an internship or practicums (lengths differ by state).
4. Pass one of the national or state licensure examinations (exams differ by state).
5. Apply for an associate license (called an intern license in some states).
6. Complete two years of post-graduate supervised counseling (exact hours differ by state).
7. Apply for full licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor (called Licensed Mental Health Counselor in some states, such as Florida).
8. Once full licensure is complete, complete additional training and credentialing.
After eight years as a licensed professional counselor, my responsibilities shifted from counseling families in distress to counseling the counselors who were helping them. I was tasked with developing graduate-level interns and not-yet-licensed counselors. Rather than counseling them, I was mentoring young counselors during those hours, reaching even more families through them.

One afternoon I was visited by a former pastor. When I told him of my work as a counselor, he wondered if I’d thought about working with pastors and missionaries, helping them provide competent care to those they’re tasked with serving. I told him that I was unsure if pastors and missionaries were interested in seeking out the input of a professional counselor. I was wrong.

After that discussion, I met with other church leaders. They acknowledged the need for counseling and consultation by those with specialized training and experience. I shifted the focus of my doctoral dissertation as a result. My investigation concluded that pastors indeed recognize the need for counseling.

Not long after that, God began to lead me to join the faculty of my undergraduate alma mater Hobe Sound Bible College.

In the Fall 2014 issue of The Torch, it was announced that HSBC had received approval to offer both associate and bachelor degrees on-campus and online. The Summer 2015 issue included an article titled “What’s so Christian about Counseling?” that sought to explain how a counseling program fits the mission of HSBC to “prepare servant-leaders who think Biblically, live Spirit-filled lives, fulfill the great commission, and glorify God in all they do.” It was noted that soul-care has been a central mission of the church since long before the advent of modern counseling. The unique qualities of Christian counseling were highlighted and the degree offerings at HSBC were introduced.

We had two students enroll in the Counseling Program in 2014-2015. In 2015-2016 we added twelve new students and two transfer students. This fall we added another eleven new students. We’ve officially merged the on-campus and online Counseling departments which added another nineteen students. Those numbers don’t include the students in other HSBC departments who are minoring in Counseling.

In that Summer 2015 article, two key objectives were outlined: to provide information and skills-training for those who have the desire to provide competent Christian-based counseling and to provide the prerequisites needed so graduates could apply to graduate school, the next step toward licensure. Not only did our first BA in Counseling graduate get accepted into one of the top Christian graduate counseling programs, but we’ve discovered our curriculum meets the educational criteria for the Certified Addiction Professional (CAP) credential in addition to Board-Certification as a Biblical Counselor (BCBC) or Pastoral Counselor (BCPC). Our students learn about evidence-based strategies and how to implement them consistent with Christian principles. Assignments help them develop their skills both in and out of class. We’re in the process of expanding the opportunities for students to gain experience working with local ministries (a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter, and a home for pregnant teens) and international ministries (including Touching Lives for Christ, a short-term mission outreach ministry of Hobe Sound Bible Church). This coming September, our students have the opportunity to attend the American Association of Christian Counselors’ World Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

I still have the opportunity to work with clients both here locally and through video technology—and I really did expand my counseling and consultation to include pastors, missionaries, and denominational leaders. But the most exciting thing has been to see how God is working in and through the Counseling program at HSBC to equip a new generation of students, both on-campus and online, to serve those in distress.

In 2015 I had the opportunity to take a van of counseling students to Nashville, Tennessee, to attend the American Association of Christian Counselors’ World Conference. We learned from some of the greatest leaders involved in Christian counseling: John Ortberg, Joni Eareckson Tada, Mike Huchabee, Matt Chandler, Diane Langberg, and many others. In fact I was able to meet Dr. James Dobson!

More than 7,000 counselors will return to Nashville this coming September. We’ve reserved two vans so even more of us can attend from Hobe Sound. We’ll hear from Caroline Leaf, Anne Graham Lotz, Richard Blackaby, Mark McMinn, Eric Metaxas—and many more. It’s three days packed full of workshops and interactions with others who are passionate about providing competent care and counsel.
In the early 70s the Survance family moved to Hobe Sound to enroll their children in the academy. A short time after they arrived, Steve was born. Steve began kindergarten in the academy and continued there through his graduation in 1989. He pursued further education, earning an AA from Indian River Community (now State) College, a BA from Stetson University, a MDiv from Asbury Theological Seminary, and a Master of Counseling and Psychology from Texas A&M University.

Steve married Donette Souder in 1997. They are the parents of Josiah, Jared, Micah and Caleb. During his career, Steve has served as a youth director, worship leader, and pastor. But the past several years have found him working as a chaplain in the US Air Force. He currently serves on the Pentagon staff of the USAF Chief of Chaplains.

Part of Steve’s job involves counseling military personnel. He shares, “The greatest challenge I face in the counseling aspect of my job is not having enough time. The economic situation of the nation has forced the military branches to shrink to an unhealthy level, including the chaplains corps. While the personnel shrank, the responsibilities/mission did not decrease, so everyone is required to do more with less. As a result, two to three counseling sessions are about all we can provide for an individual, couple, or family. Unfortunately, many in our military population are struggling with spiritual and psychological issues that are complex and require more than a couple sessions. As a result, we must often refer the individuals to other professionals, hoping they receive the ongoing help they need, knowing that the referred professional may not have a Christian worldview.”

Steve is grateful for his time at the academy. He says, “My education at Hobe Sound laid a solid foundation for ongoing life development. HSCA was critical in shaping my Christian worldview which has impacted every facet of my life. I still remember many of the Bible verses I memorized at school, Sunday School, and probably children’s church. I still remember some of the Biblical lessons I heard as a child. Beyond the school teachers who played a critical role in my education and development, there are numerous individuals associated with the academy, college, and church who had a role in shaping my life, demonstrating what it means to invest oneself in others. I am thinking of Bud and Jane Hannold (junior church), Phil and Pete Budensiek (Youth Brigade), Mose Byler (bus ministry), and Steve Whitaker (youth ministry). I am missing others, but these names speak to the often unknown influence God uses when people volunteer their time in service to God’s work. These individuals and many more helped shape my perceptions of God, of how Christians treat each other, and of how Christians treat and serve not just those in the church, but those struggling in the communities around us.

“Hobe Sound also had a profound influence on my life from a missional aspect. Being at Hobe Sound exposed me to many missionaries and opportunities to respond to God’s call to the mission field. As a teen, I committed to God that I would go wherever He desired, often wondering if God would call me to be a missionary. When God began to call me to the military chaplaincy, it was an easy response. God needs chaplains who are willing to go wherever military personnel go so they have opportunities to practice and grow in their faith.”

We thank Steve for his service. Please pray that God will continue to anoint his ministry along with all of our alumni who are daily furthering the kingdom of God.
Hobe Sound Bible College and Christian Academy has a profound impact on Martin County. Many alumni own businesses and work in the area. Two of those are Bryan and Debbie (Miller) Irvine. Bryan is a law enforcement officer and crisis coordinator/chaplain of Martin County Sheriff’s Office in Martin County. Debbie is chief operating officer of Sonas Home Health—parent company of Family Private Care, Levin Home Care, Partners Home Care and Ambassador Health Services. They daily impact the lives of the hurting in South Florida.

Bryan was born and raised in Greenville, Pennsylvania. He came to HSBC in 1981. In between other pursuits he obtained a bachelor’s degree in 1991. He earned a Masters in Pastoral Counseling from Ohio Christian University. Debbie was born in Delaware, Ohio, and grew up in Hobe Sound. She graduated from the academy in 1981 and from the college in 1991 with a BS in Missionary Nursing. She also holds an AS in Nursing/Registered Nurse from Palm Beach State College.

They married in 1984 and had Heidi and Ashley. Bryan and Debbie continue to live in Hobe Sound. They attend Christ Fellowship in Stuart. Heidi graduated from HSCA in 2006, married Dave Hopewell and has a son named Phoenix. Ashley is an HSCA graduate from 2009, is married to Christian Gutierrez and has a son named Falcon.

The Ivines are grateful for the connections they made at school. They say, “One of the most important things HSBC imparted to us, besides the solid Biblical teachings we received in classes, was the relationships formed with godly individuals who have impacted our lives. One of those individuals for Bryan was Steve Addison, the resident director of the men’s dorm during Bryan’s years of living there. To this day Steve remains an important advisor in Bryan’s life.

“Mr. Whitaker was an important influence in our life, too—his teaching, his preaching and his counseling as he also served as our pre-marital counselor! Apparently that advice was very good since we will be celebrating thirty-three years of happy marital bliss in August of 2017. Many wonderful friendships were formed during our years at HSBA and HSBC—friendships that are still close and endearing to this day.”

God used many at Hobe Sound to influence the Irvine family. Today they continue to spread the love of God to others.
Dr. Paul Peak, founding director of the Singing Christmas Tree, returned to the campus for its 20th anniversary presentation, *Come Home This Christmas*.

Angelina Coelho and Frederick Simeon

The HSCA Band marches in the annual Hobe Sound Christmas Parade under the direction of Mr. Doyle Bozone.
The Stetler Trio

The children’s choir, directed by Carla Case

Student recruiter Nathan Becker portrays Jesus.

Luke Grout, lighting director; Stephen Carroll, audio & special effects; President Daniel Stetler; Founding Director Dr. Paul Peak; Director Mark Going; Paula Pierpoint, production assistant; Jerry Weaver, Tree, platform, & riser construction. Carroll, Stetler, Pierpoint, and Weaver have played an integral role in the Singing Christmas Tree production all twenty years of its existence.

President Daniel Stetler

Caleb & Cilla Carroll, Sophia Stence

Special guest Brent Vernon and Sam

The HSCA Band marches in the annual Hobe Sound Christmas Parade under the direction of Mr. Doyle Bozone.
BIRTHS

Chad & Esther (Cragun) Forte
Christopher and Kaylee, adoption
May 2016

Brent & Holley (Robbins) Lavy
Oliver John, Oct. 19, 2016

Stephen & Rebecca Kuo
James Kelso, Oct. 29, 2016

Jaron & Clarissa (Adams) Crane
Heavenly Joy, Nov. 7, 2016

Phillip & Rachel (Crisninger) Calderon
Caroline Faith, Nov. 17, 2016

David & Janice (Rynearson) Aldridge
Olivia Rose, Dec. 27, 2016

Jordan & Elena (Grant) Cragun
Grant Ray, Dec. 29, 2016

Christian & Ashley (Irvine) Gutierrez
Falcon Immanuel, Jan. 18, 2017

WEDDINGS

Channing & Keri Wagstaff
Oct. 1, 2016

Christopher & Taylor (King) Shillington
Oct. 22, 2016

Anthony & Heidi (Frederick) Ventura
Oct. 22, 2016

Clayton & Emily (Pearce) Skiles
Nov. 12, 2016

Gideon & Kaitlyn (Miller) Stence
Dec. 9, 2016

Ceswich & Ellen (Halstead) Kemp
Dec. 17, 2016

Caleb & Susanna (Rice) Crouch
Dec. 30, 2016

MEMORIALS

Kaima Makā
Rev. Kaima Makā passed away on November 12 at Port Moresby General Hospital. Kaima graduated from Hobe Sound Bible College in 1984. He was pastor of the PNG Bible Church and a national and international church leader. His funeral service was held November 19 at PNG Bible Church.

Michaela Kitelinger
Former HSBC student Michaela Kitelinger died on January 1 after being struck by a vehicle while walking. She was 21 and lived in Alaska. She leaves behind her parents, eight siblings, and many other family members. Her funeral service was officiated by alumnus Randy Huff, pastor of North Pole Missionary Chapel.

Tim Copeland
Timothy Copeland, 56, of Norton, Pennsylvania, passed away on January 23. Tim was born March 17, 1960. He was employed with Enterprise Holdings at Cleveland-Hopkins Airport for thirty years. He graduated from Stoneboro Christian School and from Hobe Sound Bible College in 1985. Tim had a passion for music and spent many hours doing field recording and processing cd’s for singing groups.

Tim is survived by his wife of five years Roxanne (Croft); sons Timothy and Christopher; and other family. A memorial service was held January 30 at Doylestown United Methodist Church with Rev. Dale Warrich and Rev. Cecil Farmer II officiating. Interment was at Chestnut Hill Cemetery.
CAMPUS NEWS

President’s List Fall Semester 2016 – Julianna Bozone, Allison Archibald, Keianna Fowler, Molly Spruill, Benjamin Deeter, Colin Gardner, President Stetler

Dean’s List Fall Semester 2016 – Samantha Sprenhel, Kristel Miley, Lois Green, Hanna Kreml, Andrea Case, Jeannetta Cole, David Yancey, Sarah Stetler, Jennafer Stoll, David Tang, Matthew Modlin, Malik Murray, Dr. Churchill

Carrie Carter (HSBC ’85) was recently promoted to assistant director at Apple Tree Academy, the preschool where she has taught for the past eleven years. Carrie has taught PreK/VPK for over twenty years. She holds a BA in Organizational Management with a concentration in Early Childhood Education and a national CDA, as well as a director’s certificate.

Patrick Davis Honored
On December 9, 2016, the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce presented their annual Pelican Award to Mr. Patrick Davis, Director of Institutional Advancement at Hobe Sound Bible College and Christian Academy. The award was presented at the Installation and Awards Luncheon at Mariner Sands Country Club. Each year the chamber honors a member for excellent leadership in the community. Mr. Davis does an outstanding job of representing HSBC/HSCA to local businesses and enlisting their support.

The 2016 Singing Christmas Tree again drew large crowds for four nights as the Christmas season was celebrated and the birth of Jesus Christ honored. Mr. Mark Going directed the choir that included college and high school students and friends of the school. For this twentieth anniversary Dr. Paul Peak, founder of the Singing Christmas Tree, returned to direct a number and to sing for the audience. Production assistant Paula Pierpoint, along with alumni Cheryl Jones, Robyn Huff, Amy Wiseman, and Brent Vernon organized and trained the drama members including seventy-eight performers all on stage at one time for the “12 Days of Christmas.” Thank you to all of the participants for your hard work and dedication. The gospel was presented and Jesus Christ lifted up.

Annual Partnership Banquet
A large group of friends of Hobe Sound Bible College and Christian Academy met together January 14 for the Partnership Banquet. After a delicious meal prepared by Kayla Martin, they
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Learn more by contacting Patrick Davis in the Office of Advancement at (772)546-5534, or patrickdavis@hsbc.edu

Tripsters

On January 23 thirty-one Tripsters set off on the college coach for an adventure. They enjoyed the glass-bottom boats at Silver Springs in Ocala and the horseback rivalry at Medieval Times in Kissimmee. But the most fierce competition they saw was back at the hotel lobby in a game between Bud Hannold and Carl Vogel. A special thank you to Phil Case for driving the bus. The Tripsters have outings several times a year. For details contact Sharon Walker at sharonwalker@hsbc.edu.

New Scoreboard

Thank you Luke Gibson and Legacy Insurance in Franklin, Ohio, for donating the funds to purchase a new scoreboard for Olsen Field. Gene Shamber gave his time to install the board.
Eventually she was released. I knew by that time that the problem was well beyond my expertise, so I contacted Focus on the Family. They recommended a Christian counselor in a nearby city. Not long after the counseling sessions began, it became obvious there was now a new problem—theological issues.

The counselor began by emphasizing her position and security in Christ—her eternal security. He repeatedly told her that “we all sin, we sin every single day,” but our position in Christ takes care of that problem because we can never lose our salvation once we have received Christ. The problem was not antagonism to religion. It was a different theological belief system.

That counselor was a good man. He was very earnest-hearted. He had none of the anti-religious bias the hospital counselors seemed to display. He gave some good advice. Some of his advice was undoubtedly helpful as she moved across many years of struggling toward recovery.

As a pastor, I learned some very painful but important lessons through those circumstances. I learned that I did not have all the answers. I learned that people sometimes have deep psychological and emotional problems which my pastoral counseling classes (one in Bible college and one in graduate school) did not prepare me to deal with.

I learned I was not a failure as a pastor when I needed to reach out to someone who had been professionally trained to deal with complicated psychological and emotional issues. I learned God sometimes chooses to heal emotions instantaneously, as He sometimes heals physical bodies instantaneously. But I also learned God sometimes works through counselors just as He works through medical doctors, surgeons, and physical therapists.

Another lesson I learned from that experience was that we have serious gaps in our ability to help emotionally needy people. When we are faced with a crisis situation like the one I have described, our choices are painfully limited. On the one hand, there are secular counselors who often mock Christianity and see careful, holy living not only as an impossibility but even as a liability to mental health. Our other choice is a Christian professional who, for the most part, has been trained within the context of neo-Calvinistic theology.

There is absolutely no doubt that having a Christian counselor who operates from a Christian worldview and respects the authority of Scripture is far superior to having an atheist counselor who mocks all things Christian. We must also realize, however, that for a Wesleyan-Arminian pastor who believes in careful, holy living, neo-Calvinistic theology creates several significant problems—the nature and practice of sin, transformational versus intellectual conversion, unconditional versus conditional eternal security, practical holy living, and the list goes on. Sometimes our efforts to help can create new problems which could have long-term implications.

My experience with this circumstance is the major reason I have been so eager to develop a Christian Counseling Program at Hobe Sound Bible College! We need to be training graduates who can offer quality professional counseling from a Wesleyan-Arminian theological perspective.

Two years ago God began answering my prayers and sent Dr. Andrew Graham, a 1999 HSBC graduate, to begin our Counseling Program. In the sixteen years prior to his coming, Dr. Graham earned his credentials and worked in the field as a professional counselor. Now he has come to help us begin the training of young people who will eventually come alongside pastors and hurting people with the Wesleyan message of God’s transforming grace.

The interest level in this program has been very high, and the program is growing! As this issue of The Torch will reveal, God is helping us prepare our students to be a help to others!
The story of the Addison family is well known. When their father Richard was killed in an automobile accident, Marilyn and her five children moved to Hobe Sound. Marilyn became dean of women and served in that capacity for sixteen years. Rick, Steve, Rodney, Randy and Janan all graduated from the academy, met their spouses here, and worked in many areas.

At the 2017 Homecoming, Hobe Sound Bible College and Christian Academy honored the Addisons by dedicating the newly remodeled student center to them. Rick and Karon were also presented the Alumni of the Year award for their faithfulness to Hobe Sound and to the work of the Lord. Steve and Sharon were honored with the Staff of the Year Award for Steve’s tenure as dean of men and dean of students and Sharon’s work as assistant dean of women.

The Addisons are loved for their faithfulness to God, their families, and others. Rick and Karon (Helms) live in Stuart where Rick pastors The Grace Place. Steve and Sharon (Helms) live in Hobe Sound, and Steve owns Addison Drywall. Rodney and Vangie (Pierpoint) live in Evans, Georgia, where Rodney pastors West Town Community Church. Randy and Kathy (Broadhead) live in Salisbury, North Carolina. Randy pastors Trinity Wesleyan Church. Janan and Phil Olsen live in Atlanta where Janan teaches. Among them there are thirteen children and eighteen grandchildren. The Addisons are a wonderful example of what God can do with two faithful parents.

The Addison Student Center has a new floor, brick and wood accents, and new tables and booths. When the permits come in, new doors and windows will be installed. When everything is complete, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held.
1. A large crowd gathered for the afternoon picnic.
2. Kayla Martin serves a roast pig donated by Harry & the Natives Restaurant in Hobe Sound.
3. Class of ’67- Janan (Agan) Miller, Larry Mabus, Mary (Allison) Carpenter
4. Alumnus Wilmer Paulus
5. Class of ’97- Doris Huang, Larry Mabus
6. Addison family representatives- Talena & Drew Howard, Steve & Sharon Addison, Karon & Rich Addison
7. A crowd gathers for the dedication of the Addison Student Center.
8. Class of ’77- Esther Miller, Darlene Baines, David & Merrilee (Chess) Bubb
9. Class of ’87- Pam Davis, Paul Young, Scott Fay
10. An inside look at the Addison Student Center currently being remodeled.
11. Patrick Davis, Director of Institutional Advancement, and Steve Addison
Nathaniel Tucker  
“Despite having an active role in ministry for over thirty years, I still sensed I needed to further my skills in counseling and chose the online Counseling Program at HSBC. I appreciate the fact that the courses and the classes address the practical needs commonly found in ministry. The discussion forums give the exchange of ideas with other students that provides a broader exposure to further resources, knowledge and life experiences that help me minister more effectively. The counseling classes also have helped me to listen to the real needs of others and have provided me with real answers for people in crisis situations that I did not have.”

Jerid Davis  
“I am the principal of a Christian school and an associate pastor of our church. I am using the counseling program in every area of ministry from teaching the concepts to our school and church staff, as well as using the material to help with counseling children, marriage counseling, and everything else in between. I chose the online program at HSBC because of the versatility of it. Because I am actively involved in ministry, I am not able to physically go to a class. It is nice that this program can meet the needs of those who have busy ministry schedules. I am hoping to use the resources to educate our staff and church along with helping me personally with my counseling sessions in the ministries I work in. I appreciate HSBC for providing me with the knowledge so I can in turn help those who are in need.”

Laura Patton  
“I chose the online Counseling Program so I could continue working, yet study counseling from a Christian perspective. I am already benefitting from these classes in my effort to help troubled youth and children. The classes have given me a greater understanding of the deep issues many people face along with the resources to help them overcome. Someday I hope to use the knowledge I have gained to possibly work in a home for troubled youth.”
Roger J. O’Connor

"After having worked in the field of mental health/developmental disabilities in the role of a Direct Support Provider for over a decade, I started feeling as though I wasn’t living up to my full potential. I felt I needed to expand myself, to better equip myself to be a source of positive and effective change in the lives of those who are so easily overlooked in society. After researching my different options, I finally decided to pursue a BA in Counseling through Hobe Sound’s online program. Balancing career, family, and studies has not always been easy, but as I sit here today just one class shy of fulfilling my course requirements, I’m extremely glad that I did.

“As the Program Manager over one of the growing departments at the agency where I’ve been employed for the last thirteen years, I manage a small staff and oversee the services provided to approximately twenty individuals with a wide range of developmental and intellectual disabilities. The counseling principles I have learned and the insight I have gained into the human psyche and its functions have been a constant resource that I find myself consulting with frequently. I have also enjoyed and benefitted from a wide variety of topic-specific counseling classes which deal with real world situations within which we and those close to us occasionally find ourselves. It is my sincere desire that everything which I have learned will continue to become a part of me, of who I am as a person, and will in turn shine a light of hope, help, and healing to those with whom I come into contact every day. ”

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Haven of Rest Bible Church
2757 Fishers Gap Rd, Galax, VA 24333
Contact: Pastor David Spivey (276) 237-3007

HSBC Rally (CCA Auditorium)
Time: 7:00 PM
367 Academy Dr, Thomasville, NC 27360
Mr. Charles Baker (336) 687-3122

Monday, April 10 - 7:00 PM
Grace Holiness Church
127 Porter Cross Rd, Harkers Island, NC 28531
Pastor Curtis Going (252) 728-5465

Tuesday, April 11
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Wednesday, April 12 - 7:30 PM
Beavertown God’s Missionary Church
1693 Creek Rd, Middleburg, PA 17842
Pastor James Planit (570) 658-2422

Thursday, April 13 - 7:00 PM

Montgomery Brethren in Christ Church
6727 Montgomery Church Rd, Mercersburg, PA 17236
Mr. Japheth Nell (717) 817-3860

Friday, April 14 - 7:00 PM
Emmanuel Wesleyan Church
135 Emmanuel Church Rd, Gratz, PA 17030
Pastor Dan Durkee (717) 365-3040

Saturday, April 15 - 6:00 PM
Alexandria God’s Missionary Church
7342 Sportsman Rd, Alexandria, PA 16611
Pastor Matt Peachey (814) 249-8574

Sunday, April 16 - 9:30 AM
Lebanon God’s Missionary Church
2127 Hill St, Lebanon, PA 17046
Pastor Alan Walter (717) 273-9455

Cottage Hill Wesleyan Methodist Church
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Evangelical United Church of Christ
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Wednesday – Thursday, April 19-20
Inter-Church Holiness Convention
Time: Wednesday, 6:00 PM Service
Dayton Convention Center
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Friday, April 21 - 7:00 PM
HSBC Rally, Agan Tabernacle
1365 Chula Vista Dr, Pell City, AL 35125
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